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SUBJECT: FRG INITIATIVE ON TERRORISM

1. FRG PERMREP VON WECHMAR TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR BENNETT MORNING JULY 9 TO ADVISE THAT HE NOW HAD AUTHORIZATION TO JOIN IN THE SC DEBATE ON THE ENTEBBE INCIDENT. VON WECHMAR HAD COMMENTED TO BENNETT YESTERDAY THAT FRG HAS GENERALLY HELD OFF TAKING PART IN SC DEBATES AS NON-MEMBER BUT HE THOUGHT THIS WAS SPECIAL CASE AND HAD RECOMMENDED TO BONN THAT HE MAKE A STATEMENT. HE PLANS TO SPEAK "AFTER THE FIRST ROUND," AND EMPHASIS OF HIS REMARKS WILL BE ON PROBLEM OF TERRORISM.

2. BENNETT TOOK OCCASION TO INQUIRE IN THAT CONNECTION ABOUT ITEM ON PAGE 2 OF THIS MORNING'S NEW YORK TIMES WHICH SPOKE OF WEST GERMAN INTEREST IN SUBMITTING PROPOSED CONVENTION AGAINST TERRORISM TO UNGA THIS FALL. VON WECHMAR SAID THAT FRG DID INDEED HAVE IN MIND ACTION AT THE GA, HOPEFULLY JOINT EC-NINE ACTION WITH SUPPORT OF OTHERS, AND WAS BUSY AT WORK ON THE PROJECT. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT
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HAD URGED JOINT ACTION AGAINST TERRORISM IN RECENT

TALKS WITH GISCARD AND CALLAGHAN AND HAD THIS WEEK
TAKEN IT UP WITH KREISKY IN VIENNA. FRG AND FRANCH
INTERIOR MINISTERS HAVE DISCUSSED THE PROJECT. FRG
WAS WORKING WITH OTHERS OF THE NINE AS WELL TO WORK OUT
A JOINT INITIATIVE FOR UNGA, AIMING AT A CONVENTION AGAINST
TERRORISM. GERMANS HAVE NO ILLUSIONS THAT IDEA WILL BE
ACCEPTABLE TO ALL UN MEMBERS AND, DEPENDING ON RECEPTION,
ARE THINKING OF FALLING BACK TO A CONVENTION AMONG
INTERESTED STATES. AS TO LATTER TERMINOLOGY, FRG REP MADE
CLEAR HE WAS THINKING OF STATES WHICH HAVE SHOWN RESPONSIBLE
CONCERN FOR PROBLEMS RAISED BY TERRORISM.

3. SOMEWHAT IN CONTRADICTION TO ABOVE, COUNSELLOR BUSSE
SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD MISOFF THAT, AS OF ABOUT 4 JULY, THE GERMAN
FOREIGN OFFICE WAS NOT RPT NOT CONSIDERING A TREATY-BASED
TERRORISM INITIATIVE AT THE 31ST GA. EARLIER FM GENSCHER HAD
CONSIDERED AN INITIATIVE CALLING FOR A TREATY AGAINST THE
TAKING OF HOSTAGES. THE TREATY WOULD REQUIRE THAT LANDING
WOULD BE DENIED TO A HIJACKED AIRCRAFT; IF, BECAUSE OF A NO-
FUEL SITUATION, A LANDING TOOK PLACE, THE HOSTAGES WOULD BE
IMMEDIATELY RELEASED AND THE HIJACKERS RETURNED. HOWEVER, THE
MAJORITY OF THE EC-9 AS RECENTLY AS JUNE CONSIDERED THAT A
WORLDWIDE TREATY PROPOSAL WOULD BE DESTROYED IN THE
PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION BY THE INSISTENCE OF ARABS AND AFRICANS
ON EXCEPTIONS FOR HOSTAGES TAKEN BY NATIONAL LIBERATION
MOVEMENT AND FREEDOM FIGHTERS. THE EC-9 HAD THUS DECIDED
THAT THE DUTCH PRESIDENT, AND OTHER EC-9 COUNTRIES AS THEY
WISHED, SHOULD, INSTEAD, MAKE STRONG ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATIONS
IN THEIR GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE
31ST GA. BUSSE SPECULATED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S
INTEREST IN THE EARLIER ANTI-HOSTAGE CONVENTION INITIATIVE
MIGHT WELL HAVE BEEN STIMULATED ANEW BY THE UGANDAN INCIDENT.

4. PERHAPS EMBASSY BONN WILL BE IN A POSITION TO CLARIFY THESE
RATHER CONTRADICTORY REPORTS FROM FRG UN.
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